The Contadora Group mission is to remove the Central American crisis from the East-West confrontation, through a democratic solution instead of a solution that leaves one sector of Central America free and another under a repressive and totalitarian regime.

So long as there is a totalitarian regime in Central America with expansionist ambitions, supported by an enormous military apparatus, the social, economic, and political stability of all the countries of the region, especially the neighboring countries that have common borders with that country, which is the source of the problem, will be under constant threat.

As president of Honduras and in exercise of the rights bestowed by the Constitution, I have ordered the actions I consider appropriate to do my duty. The Honduran people can rest assured that these grave incidents have been handled with the utmost responsibility and wisdom. We have prevented a psychological situation that could have led to surprising situations that can only bring unrest to our country.

We have not minimized nor magnified the incidents at our border with Nicaragua. The decisions I had to adopt in my role as constitutional president of the Republic have been adopted without internal or external pressure. I was only guided by my democratic and republican beliefs. For this I have had the full support of our Armed Forces watching over at all times for the nation's integrity and security.

In the decisions we have made in the past and the ones we will make now and in the future, we will always act placing the nation's sacred interests above everything else.

Greetings, fellow citizens.

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